

SUFFRAGETTE ROW REAL ROUGH HOUSE, LAWYER DECLARES

Brooklyn Women "Acted Like Herd of Elephants in Water-melon Patch," Court Hears.

TRIAL HELD IN CELLAR.

Home Rulers' Seek Permanent Stop to 'Tower Crowd's' Call for New Convention.

Before Justice Jaycox in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, to-day was unrolled an amazing tale of rough house political methods at the last suffragette convention of the Brooklyn representatives of the cause. The court presiding is an effort to inform Justice Jaycox as to whether he should make permanent an injunction forbidding a new convention.

The convention was held Oct. 13 at the home of Mrs. Rebecca C. Talbot-Perkins. Mrs. Robert H. Elder, wife of the Assistant District-Attorney, was elected Brooklyn leader. The "tower crowd," as the women who manage the State party from the offices in the Metropolitan tower are called, disapproved of the choice and sent out notices of a new convention, shouting "Home Rule." The Elder people sent a temporary injunction calling a second convention. Mrs. Amy Green and Miss Stevenson, both lawyers, appeared for the Home Rulers. Charles C. Suffern appeared for the tower faction.

"The Court should know," said Mr. Suffern in his preliminary argument, "that this convention at the home of Mrs. Talbot-Perkins was held without notice. The house was not adequate for a convention. The delegates were all crowded together, and only those who clung about the chair had any room in what was going on."

LIKE ELEPHANTS IN A WATER-MELON PATCH.

When the roll was called for the roll it was a roll prepared by Mrs. Talbot-Perkins. The names of representatives of districts hostile to Mrs. Elder were not called at all. Protests were ignored. Those ladies stormed and

stampeded and acted like a herd of elephants in a watermelon patch.

"Immediately after the election a motion was offered and passed appointing a committee to try Miss Josephine A. Kraft of the Fifth Assembly District, Mrs. Walton of the Fifteenth and Mrs. Priscilla A. Hackstaff for treason and other terrible crimes against the party. The charges were signed by Mrs. Elder.

"The committee was appointed and the women under charges were ordered to leave the room. They were not to be allowed to be present during the trial. They were charged with having written letters offering to ally themselves with the Kings County Women's Suffrage Alliance in an effort to break up the Suffrage party.

"Miss Kraft and Mrs. Walton left the room quietly. Mrs. Hackstaff refused to go. Without any authority of the by-laws, a man—a little odd fellow—was appointed sergeant-at-arms to put her out. She weighs 200 pounds and said she guessed she would stay. And she did.

CONVENTION ADJOURNED TO CELLAR FOR COURT.

"So the whole convention left. Mrs. Elder, in particular, adjourned to the cellar. After five minutes they came upstairs, the committee reported that the charges were sustained and the convention voted to expel the three. It was outrageous and shameful and worthy of the ward politics of two generations ago."

Mrs. Warren denounced the "tower crowd" for attempting to "maneuver" the suffragettes into a corner and said that no such an orgy of strong-arm methods had prevailed at the convention as had been described.

The taking of testimony was then begun. It will last two or three days.

ANOTHER GREAT SHERLOCK HOLMES STORY.

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SULZER WANTS CHINA IN "THE FAMILY OF NATIONS."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2—The Republic of China, a member of "the family of nations," was admitted by a resolution introduced today by Representative Sulzer of New York and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. The resolution congratulates the "patriotic people of China" for "reclaiming their inherent rights to self-government."

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DIVORCEE NOT A "WIDOW;" MUST PAY INHERITANCE TAX

Surrogate Fowler Rules That Mrs. Augusta Temple Merritt Is Not Exempt.

While widows have been generally divided into two great classes—"grace" and "soul"—by many learned judges, Surrogate Fowler to-day dealt a judicial blow to the divorced type of the "grace" variety, which would seem to put the term "widow" to a profit to a divorcee.

The Surrogate's ruling grew out of the case of Mrs. Augusta Temple Merritt to escape a State transfer tax on a bequest of a fund of \$60,000 left to her by Mrs. Julia Merritt, the mother of the husband she divorced. Two years before the elder Mrs. Merritt's death, an agreement was made by which the son's wife should have \$2,000 during her life or until she remarried. An additional evidence of Mrs. Julia Merritt's affection for the son's former wife was the bequest.

Mrs. Merritt sought to evade an ap-

praiser's tax of 5 per cent. on the fund under the section of the law providing that the "wife or widow of a son" is

only required to pay a one cent.

"The word 'widow,'" said the Surrogate, "has a certain well-defined meaning, viz.—a woman who has lost her husband by death and remains unmarried. The words used to describe a woman who has been divorced from her husband are equally free from ambiguity and are not now regarded as syn-

onyms with the word 'widow.' It would appear that it was not the intention of the Legislature to include within the significance of the words 'wife or widow of a son' a divorced wife of a son."

The Surrogate's opinion closes by stating that the appraiser properly levied a 5 per cent. tax on the inheritance and directed that an order be issued accordingly.



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